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The FDA, a public funded organization, should;

- (a) be more aggressive in its efforts to protect the public from salmonella enteritidis by PROHIBITING forced molting of hens to manipulate egg production
- (b) appreciate that requiring bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulating refrigeration temperatures is NOT enough to ensure public health
- (c) recall that it was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting
- (d) BAN the forced molting of laying hens not only for its adverse health ramifications but also because it is inherently CRUEL to the hen

Please take action now to put and end to this CRUEL and UNHEALTHY practice of forced molting.

Sincerely,



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